



The founding of North Little Rock is shaded by nuance that requires some explanation. No lone date can fix the beginning: even the city's name has changed more than once. But it is true that the City of North Little Rock sprang into existence on February 23, 1904, after waging a fight for independence in the legislature and courts. Thus, North Little Rock celebrated its 100th year in 2004. With the only comprehensive book on the city's history out of print, however, the North Little Rock History Commission decided another was needed, both to update the story and to explore topics left out of the other book. The new book also surveys previously published accounts in an effort to bring everything together in a single narrative. Emphasis is given to the broader political, economic and social developments, though elaboration is provided in some instances to illustrate, as it were, the "flesh and blood" of history.

Nevertheless, a definitive work is impossible within the confines of this one book, which endeavors throughout to answer the basic question of what happened.